Ring Them Bells

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Ring them bells ye heathen from the city that dreams Ring them bell from the sanctuaries, 'cross the valleys and str eams For they're deep and they're wide, and the world's on its side And time is a-runnin' backwards and so is the bride Ring them bells St. Peter where the four winds blow Ring them bells with an iron hand so the people will know Oh it's rush hour now. on the wheel of the plow And the sun is a-goin' down upon the sacred cow

Ring them bells sweet Martha for the poor man's son Ring them bells so the world will know that God is one For the shepherd is asleep where the willow weep And the mountain is filled with lost sheep

Ring them bells - for the blind and the deaf Ring them bells - all those who are left Ring them bells - for the chosen few Who'll judge the many when the game is through Ring them bells - for the time that flies For the child who cries when innocence dies

Ring them bells St. Catherine from the top of the roof Ring the bells from the fortress for the lilies that bloom For the lines are long and the fighting is strong And they're breakin' down the distance between right and wrong